

REMARKS

The Office has rejected claims 1-3 and 9-15 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) over the combination of Hayes (US 6,075,117) and Fischer (US 6,297,394) and claim 7 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) over the combination of Hayes, Ogo (US 6,117,942) and Fischer.

The Office bases its rejections on Fischer which the Office states describes commercial ADN as containing 10-5000 PPM of ACCP and the Office contends that this range is within the recitations of claim 1. However, Applicants can find no such description in Fischer. Accordingly, the cited references do not teach or suggest all the recitations of the claimed polyamide. Therefore, the claimed polyamide would not have been anticipated or obvious over the cited references and, as such, Applicants respectfully request that the office withdraw the rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) over the cited references.

In light of the remarks above, Applicants submit that the application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested.

In the event the Examiner believes an interview might serve in any way to advance the prosecution of this application, the undersigned is available at the telephone number noted below.

The Office is authorized to charge any necessary fees to Deposit Account No. 22-0185.

Applicant believes no fee is due with this response. However, if a fee is due, please charge our Deposit Account No. 22-0185, under Order No. 12810-00162-US1 from which the undersigned is authorized to draw.

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Respectfully submitted,

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